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For: SPINAL ROD CONNECTOR

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 5, 2010 (Paper No. 20100102), please reconsider the above-identified U.S. patent application in view of the following remarks.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.